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She was in advanced age afflicted by a cancerous growth of her right hand, and in language it pained

muddy tramp might mean, George McComb of Dan, came along with his team driven by a half grown young McComb, a chip of the old block.

George seemed to be feeling good on the rain and hailed me in his cherry way to wait for the wagon, climb on and we would take a ride to Marlinton together.

It would take a volume of several hundred pages to contain all that this resident of the Dan flag station vicinity could tell of the ups and downs, round and rounds of his eventful life and much of it would be interesting reading, written out just as he tells it, how a man has to hustle to keep alive considering the enemies he has had to confront and meet the cares and duties of raising as they ought to be raised six sons and six daughters.

The two mile home stretch in that wagon was a thing of pleasure and interest to what the home stretch would have been in my thin summer gaiters, had it been tramped. Thanks to you Mr. McComb, may you and your boy long live to own and drive wagons and happen along whenever people may be as glad to meet you as I was.

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In her own language it pained her from all the time. In the evening she would walk the road at night and would use poultice she could get from the teas of every root and herb. It might be recommended for purifying the blood. In the fall a doctor from Rock Hill came to Huntersville, and he first case he was called on was Aunt Betty's.

It was a matter of course that she was diseased but what he

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THE BUCKLEY LAND GRANT

by Ralph B Buckley, 1967

The grant for the Buckley property was made before the Revolutionary War and was signed by King George III of England. It was granted to Joshua Buckley about 1762 and was what is known as a "Tomahawk Grant" - so named because the white settlers had a treaty with the Indians that the whites would not settle in the Ohio River watershed. The pioneers persuaded the Governor of Virginia that the Greenbrier River emptied into the Atlantic Ocean.

The original plot of land was bounded as follows: Starting at a point one block north of the present Court House in Marlinton, a straight line to the top of the mountain at the Lone Tree Knob, then along the top of the mountain to encompass the watershed of Swago Creek; thence to a point at the island at the mouth of Improvement Lick Run; thence north to the mouth of "Black Stump" Hollow; thence a straight line to the mouth of Mundy Lick Run; thence to the starting point in Marlinton.

The part at Marlinton was taken from the original tract by a court order and given to the McLaughlin family.

As Joshua's family became mature each was given a tract of land. The division was as follows: Hettie married George Kee and was given that part of the farm north of the Big Rocks in the Greenbrier River and west to the top of the mountain at Lone Tree Knob. Joe Buckley married Betty Gibson and was given that part of the land west of the river, south of the Kee tract and south to Swago Creek, with the exception of the flat land just north of the mouth of Swago Creek. John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt and was given the tract south of Swago Creek and the flat land mentioned above. When his parents became old John moved to the east side of the river, built a house just north of his parents' home. At their death he inherited the land east of the river. When the McNeill family came in 1777 they were given the limestone flat land on the southwest.

The Kee farm was later divided. Polly was given the part east of Route 219 and to the river. Joshua Kee got the part east of the river. George got the part north and west of the point where the highway tops the Price Hill. Aaron got the remainder of the Kee land.

The John Buckley tract west of the river was sold to several families. The Amiss family got the part north of Swago Creek. This later was sold to the Auldridges and Charley Young.

The Joe Buckley land went to the Ochletree family, then to John Gay and Joe McNeill and is now owned by Lewis Gay.

The homestead east of the river was given to Joshua Buckley. This was divided as follows: Margaret and Charles Young, Jane and Columbus Silva, Andy Rose, and Clinton Courtney.

During this generation all the tracts once owned by Joshua Buckley II were bought back with the exception of a few acres owned by the heirs of W. M. Young. Several acres have been added to the homestead; namely, the McCoy farm at the head of Williams River and 575 acres of cut-over timberland east of the farm.

Joshua Buckley II was a minister at heart rather than a farmer. With his large family and small income it became necessary to sell parts of the farm. He sold the lower part of the river bottom to George Overholt and some of the hill land to Charles Young and Clinton Courtney. The upper part of the bottom was given to daughter Jane and Columbus Silva. This left only a small section with the home. Later this was mortgaged for debt, and at the time his son John took over the management of the farm, all was gone or mortgaged for all it was worth.

John began to gather the land together again and to pay off the debts. This was during the depression of the 1880's. He worked as a carpenter, helping to build the store for Daniel McNeill. His wages were seventy-five cents a day. Later the lumber interests began to cut the timber on the Greenbrier River and float the logs to Ronceverte to the sawmill. John soon learned to guide the arks down the river and became the pilot of the arks. This was a job of considerable responsibility and paid a little better wages than the other men got. However, it could not be done during the winter months.

Several companies were buying tracts of land and timber in Pocahontas County. Many of these companies knew little or nothing of the country. John learned to estimate timber and would make estimates for a fee. This gave him a good income, and it could be done during the winter. In this way he could work almost all the year.

During this time much of the work on the farm was done by the wife and children. Since John was able to be at home at some time during each week, he could manage the farm quite well. He soon paid the mortgage on the home.

About 1897 when the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad began to build the Greenbrier Division there was yet a debt of two hundred dollars, which was owed to Columbus Silva. In order to give a deed for the right-of-way for the railroad,

Joshua, then the owner, deeded eight acres of land lying between the homestead and the Overholt tract to Silva. This was known as the "Little Orchard".

In 1906 Aumiller Brothers were looking for a tract of timber to cut. They contacted John Buckley, knowing that he could estimate timber and that he had cruised the timber on his own lands as well as that on the Silva and Young (then Thomas) farms.

The Aumillers made an offer based on the estimate which had been made. That part belonging to Silva was the best grade of timber, and they offered one thousand dollars for it.

John then began to try to buy the Silva farm. They offered to sell all except the "Little Orchard" for twelve hundred dollars. The deal was made and the timber was sold, leaving a balance of two hundred dollars outstanding. By this time Jay Buckley was old enough to work on public works, and he and his father went to work and paid off the outstanding debt.

In the meantime, the Overholt farm had been bought by Charles Young and sold to James Cook. After Walter Graham married Addie Buckley, he and Jay Buckley bought the lower end of the river bottom from Cook. The "Little Orchard" remained in the hands of the Silva girls (Annd and Myrtle) until 1925 when this tract was sold to Jay Buckley for eight hundred dollars.

The tract owned by Courtneys and Youngs was acquired by William Buckley about 1933. The Andy Rose farm was bought by William and Ralph Buckley. This brought the original farm together again.

The land on the head of Williams River was bought by Jay and William Buckley as a place to graze cattle. The first place bought was the John W. Sheets farm known as the "Dutch Bottom". This was later traded for the McCoy Place".

After the timber was cut from the "Big Survey" to the east of the original farm, Jay bought five hundred seventy-five acres of this cut-over timber land. He paid about three dollars per acre for this. This completed the farm as it stands today. It consists of about fourteen hundred acres.

THE BUCKLEYS AT SWAGO

The first account we have of the Buckley family was in Ireland at the time of the "Bulldog Kings". This family was of Protestant faith. At that time the Roman Catholics were in power there, and the Buckleys, being persecuted for their faith, moved along with many others to Belgium and Holland.

When word came to them that the colony of Virginia had been established, these families became interested in coming to America. They returned to England and made arrangements to sail for the New World.

They arrived at the mouth of the James River in 1621. The early settlers at Jamestown had become discouraged and had set sail for England. The two boats met at the mouth of the river, and the newcomers persuaded the early settlers to return. In this way the Buckley family lays claim to being among the first permanent settlers of Virginia.

Very little is known of the family from then until about the time of the Revolution. It is presumed that they with others worked their way westward to new lands and better hunting grounds.

About 1760 there were three brothers of the family at Winchester, Virginia. Two of them moved northwestward to what is now Ohio. The other one came across the mountain into the Southbranch of the Potomac, then south to its head and over into the Greenbrier Valley. This was Joshua.

He came down the river to what is now Hosterman and there found a family by the name of Collins. Joshua made his home with the Collins family until 1774. In 1773 he married the daughter Hannah. To them was born a son, Joe, on February 22, 1774.

Joshua had scouted the Greenbrier River Valley for a home about 1762 and took a grant for land. After his marriage to Hannah, she wrote a deed, and it was recorded in the Court House in Staunton, Virginia, in 1774.

On March 6, 1774, Joshua, with his family, arrived at the mouth of Swago Creek. Here he had found a spot where the Indians had cleared about two acres of land and had been raising corn. He built a lean-to shed against a large white-oak tree just above the highwater mark on the east side of the river about two hundred yards south of the mouth of Swago

Creek. He had brought with him his wife and son, a horse, and provisions enough to last until a crop could be raised.

Joshua made a trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was there with General Washington. He was sent back to the valley as a scout for the army, and at the time of the Battle of Point Pleasant he was stationed at Gauley Bridge. If the Indians won the battle, a runner was to come to him, and he was to notify the settlers in the Greenbrier Valley to get into the fort at Lewisburg.

The white colony in Virginia had made a treaty with the Indians that they would not make settlements in the Ohio River Valley. The settlers in this section had persuaded the Governor of Virginia that the Greenbrier River flowed into the Atlantic Ocean. In this way they received their grants for land. These grants were known as "Tomahawk Grants". The grant for the Buckley lands was one of these and was signed by the King of England.

After moving to the mouth of Swago, three other children were born to Hannah and Joshua Buckley: John, Hettie, and Elizabeth.

The family cleared more of the bottom land and raised crops and livestock. Their chief source of income was from furs, for which they had a market. The family built a cabin directly opposite the mouth of the creek. When the children were grown, they married and settled nearby.

Hettie married George Kee and was given that part of the farm north of the Big Rocks in the river. Elizabeth married a Mr. McClure and moved to a farm at the end of Droop Mountain near where the railroad tunnel is now. Joe married Betty Gibson and was given the land around where Lewis Gay now lives.

John married Patsy Casebolt and lived on the west side of the river just opposite his father's home. When his father and mother became old, he moved to the east side of the river and built a house in the "Old Orchard" just north of where his father had built his cabin. John's family was born on the west side of the river, but later lived on the east side.

Joshua had given a plot of ground on the west side of the river for a church lot and a cemetery. At his death he and his wife Mary were buried there. This is the present site of Bethel Church. Their graves are just behind that structure.

Joshua Buckley II was born on the west side of the river on March 6, 1819. He farmed for a livelihood and also was the local Methodist minister. He disagreed with the leaders of the church as to its form of government and was one of the founders of the Methodist Protestant Church.

THE BUCKLEY MEETING HOUSE

When John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt about 1800, he built a house on the west side of the Greenbrier River. It was located just north of the mouth of Swago Creek and about two hundred feet back from the river's edge. At that time a few people had settled in the community, and they were invited to come to this house for worship.

As the community grew the house became too small to accommodate the crowds, and it was decided to build a church.

This building was located just south of the present Lower Church (Bethel). It was a log building and was large enough to accommodate a small congregation. This probably was built about 1825. This church was located on land donated by the Buckley family. The lot was about one-half acre in size. The lot was used as a cemetery for a long time and is still used for that purpose.

The church was known as "The Buckley Meeting House". The congregation was a member of the Methodist conference, and some of the ministers came from Hillsboro to hold services.

Joshua Buckley II, son of John, became a Methodist minister and preached at this church. He did not like the government of the Methodist church and joined the separation movement, which was to become the Methodist Protestant Church.

About 1875 the congregation became aware that the log church was too small to accommodate the congregation and that extensive repairs would have to be made before long. They decided to build a new church on the grounds of the log church. Most of the work on this church was done by local men without wages. The McNeill and Buckley families contributed most of the materials and labor. Jefferson Killingsworth was the chief foreman.

William McNeill and his brothers were good ax men. They chopped the trees for the frame, and John Buckley, who was good with the broad ax, finished the smoothing of the frame timbers.

Some other frame materials were cut on the Buckley farm at the head of the Thomas Hollow. This was fine poplar timber. The logs were hauled by oxen to the church site. This was done in April, and at one time the snow was so deep it worked through the ox bows.

These timbers were long enough to extend from one side of the church to the other. This is about twenty-four feet. One of these timbers when it dried split at one end. It then was necessary to bore a hole through it and insert a wooden pin.

The boards were cut on a "up and down" mill. This saw was like a crosscut saw and was worked up and down by water power. The finishings inside were done by hand planes.

This church is now known as Bethel and is being used by the Presbyterian congregation with the permission of the Buckley family. The lot when not used as a church ground reverts to the Buckley estate.

(1) John Buckley
Isabel Buckley

John Buckley (1)
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(2) John Buckley
Isabel Buckley

or Children

(3) William Buckley
George Lee

William Buckley (1)
Andrew Lee (1)
John Lee (1)
William Lee (1)

(4) William Buckley
Arthur Buckley

William Buckley
William Buckley

John Buckley

Mary Elizabeth Buckley (1)
John William Buckley (1)
Elizabeth Buckley (1)
William Buckley (1)

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| (1) Joshua Buckley
Hannah Collins | John Buckley (2)
Joe Buckley (3)
Hettie Buckley Kee (4)
Elizabeth Buckley McClure (5)
William Buckley
Isaac Buckley |
| (2) John Buckley
Patsy Casebolt | Joshua Buckley (6)
Kate Buckley Friel (7)
Rachel Buckley McCollum |
| (3) Joe Buckley
Betty Gibson | No Children |
| (4) Hettie Buckley
George Kee | Joshua Buckley Kee (8)
Andrew Kee (9)
John Kee (10)
William Kee (11) |
| (5) Elizabeth Buckley
Arthur McClure | |
| William Buckley
Elizabeth Collison | |
| Isaac Buckley | |
| (6) Joshua Buckley
Lucinda Adkison | Mary Ellen Buckley Adkison (12)
Ruth Eliza Buckley (13)
Elizabeth Susan Frances Buckley
McNeill (14)
Ureca Jane Buckley Silva (15)
Sabina Laishley Buckley
McKeever, Boggs (16)
Margaret Catherine Buckley
Young, Thomas (17)
Nancy Alcinda Blake Buckley
McNeill (18)
John Barnet Buckley (19)
Addie Lida Lorn Buckley McNeill (20)
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Addie Lida Lorn Buckley McNeill (20)
Martha Laura Irene Buckley
McNeill (21) |

(7) Kate Buckley Friel	Jerry Friel Jasper Friel
(12) Mary Ellen Buckley Joe Adkison	Estella Jerusha Alson Buckley McKeever (122) Harper Adkison (123) Inez Adkison Lightner (124)
(14) Elizabeth Susan Frances Buckley William C. McNeill	Nevada McNeill Kee (125) Lucy McNeill Overholt (126) Grace McNeill McNeill (127) Edna McNeill Kellison (128) Ruben S. McNeill (129)
(15) Ureca Jane Buckley Columbus Silva	Roseanna Salome Silva Hannah, Callahan (130) Genevive Silva (131) Myrtle Silva (132) Joseph Silva (133)
(16) Sabina Laishley Buckley Ruben McKeever	No Children
(16) Sabina Laishley Buckley Dexter S. Boggs	Lucy Boggs Tuckwiller (134) Charles Boggs (135) Hattie Ray Boggs Keightley (136) Chesley Pack Boggs (137)
(17) Margaret Catherine Buckley Charles Young	Ruth Young McNeill (138) Charles A. Young (139) William Maletus Young (140)
(17) Margaret Catherine Buckley Alvin Reece Thomas	Ella Thomas Kirby (141) Notley Thomas (142) Ulysses Guy Thomas (143) Alta Thomas Rose (144) Harry Clawson Thomas (145) Rex Thomas (146)
(18) Nancy Alcinda Blake Buckley Asa Shinn McNeill	Dennis Buckley McNeill (149) Pearl McNeill Scott (150) Forrest McNeill (151) Clyde Buckley McNeill (152) Paul McNeill (153)

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| (19) John Barnet Buckley
Elizabeth Jane McNeill | Jay Buckley (154)
Viola Winifred Buckley Aumiller (155)
Joshua Enoch Buckley (156)
William McNeill Buckley (157)
Addie May Buckley Graham (158)
Ralph Barnette Buckley (159) |
| (20) Addie Lida Lorn
Buckley
Joshua McNeill | Clabourne Park McNeill (160)
Frankie McNeill White,
Dennison (161) |
| (21) Martha Laura Irene
Buckley
Ulysses McNeill | Ross McNeill (162)
Glendolyn McNeill Goode (163)
William McNeill (164)
Dorothy McNeill Budd (165)
Fred McNeill (166) |
| (122) Estella Jerusha Alson
Buckley
Oliver McKeever | Lynette McKeever Curtis (147)
Glendolyn McKeever Morris (148) |
| (123) Harper Adkison
Lena Duncan | Dale Adkison (201)
Isaac Adkison (202)
George Price Adkison (203) |
| (124) Inez Adkison
Andrew Lightner | No Children |
| (125) Nevada McNeill
O. Hunter Kee | No Children |
| (126) Lucy McNeill
Albert S. Overholt | Paul Overholt (204)
Gertrude Overholt Trent (205)
William Overholt (206)
Helen Overholt Isaacs (207)
Earl Overholt (208) |
| (127) Grace McNeill
George Douglas McNeill | Ward McNeill (209)
Elizabeth McNeill Dorsey (211)
Louise McNeill Wilson, Pease (212)
James McNeill (213) |
| (128) Edna McNeill
Morton Kellison | No Children |
| (129) Ruben Snow McNeill
Olivine Runceman | William McNeill (214) |

(129) Ruben Snow McNeill Nellie Wade	No Children
(130) Roseanna Salome Silva Ira Hannah	No Children
(130) Roseanna Salome Silva Lawrence E. Callahan	No Children
(131) Genevive Silva	
(132) Myrtle Silva	
(133) Joseph Silva	
(134) Lucy Boggs Ray Tuckwiller	Ray Tuckwiller (215) Eugene Tuckwiller (216) Donald Tuckwiller (217)
(135) Charles Boggs Addie	Charles Boggs, Jr. Joseph Boggs
(136) Hattie Ray Boggs Ralph D. Keightley	Ralph Keightley (219) William Keightley (220)
(137) Chesley Ray Boggs Margaret	James Boggs Betty Boggs
(138) Ruth Young N. Clawson McNeill	No Children
(139) Charles A. Young Nora Overholt	Fred M. Young (221)
(140) William Maletus Young Hazel Weiford	Everett Paul Young (222) Helen Young Jefferies (223)
(141) Ella Thomas James H. Kirby	No Children

(142) Notley Thomas
Nellie Myers

(142) Notley Thomas
Dolly McClung

(143) Ulysses Guy Thomas
Opal Weiford

(144) Alta Thomas
Robert Rose

(145) Harry Clawson Thomas
Ona Gibson

(146) Rex Thomas

(147) Lynette McKeever
Curtis

(148) Glendolyn McKeever
Morris

(149) Dennis McNeill
Leona Kessler

(150) Pearl McNeill
Paul Scott

Mary Thomas Waugh (224)
Clarence Thomas (225)
Irene Thomas Gillilan (226)
Wanda Thomas (227)
William Thomas (228)

Dorothy Thomas Brewer (229)
Dollie Thomas Rhodes (230)
Glendolyn Thomas Fleshman (231)
Margaret Thomas Crookshank (232)
Frances Thomas Workman (233)
James Thomas (234)
Robert Thomas (235)
Ruben Thomas (236)
Harold Thomas (237)
Jackie Thomas (238)
David Thomas (239)
Fred Thomas (240)

Gladys Thomas Moore (241)
James Harold Thomas (242)
Harry Lee Thomas (243)
Maxine Thomas Harper (244)
Alfred Thomas (245)

Margaret Rose Lutz
Mildred Rose Lang, Short (247)
Robert Rose (248)
Shannon Rose (249)
Louise Rose McKage (250)
Mary Ruth Rose Moore (251)

Catherine Thomas Buckland (252)
Rebecca Thomas Allen (253)
Wilda Thomas Mann (254)
Harry Thomas, Jr. (255)

No Children

Dowell McNeill
Hugh McNeill

Anna Pauline Scott Wilson

(151) Forrest McNeill	
(152) Clyde Budkley McNeill Irene McNutt	Steven McNeill
(153) Paul McNeill Elizabeth Fisher	Patricia McNeill
(154) Jay Buckley	
(155) Viola Winifred Buckley Aaron Aumiller	Forrest Stanford Aumiller Glen Omega Aumiller William Buckley Aumiller Betty Jane Aumiller Kenealy
(156) Joshua Enoch Buckley Martha Harris	Geraldine Rena Buckley Dilley Helen Jean Buckley Roberts
(157) William McNeill Buckley Eula McCauley	No Children
(158) Addie May Buckley Walter Graham	Mary Elizabeth Graham Weiford Jay Buckley Graham
(159) Ralph Barnette Buckley Dorothy Monroe	No Children
(160) Clabourne Park McNeill Nellie Lightner	Stowe McNeill
(161) Frankie McNeill Clyde White	No Children
(161) Frankie McNeill Albert Dennison	Eleanor Dennison Lambert Howard Dennison Martha Dennison Shober Albert Mark Dennison
(162) Ross McNeill Betty	Nayan McNeill
(163) Glendolyn McNeill Frank Goode	Glendolyn Rose Goode

(164) William McNeill Clarese	
(165) Dorothy McNeill Harold Budd	Harold Budd, Jr. John McNeill Budd
(166) Fred McNeill	
(201) Dale Adkison Veda McCoy	
(202) Isaac Adkison Dorothy Cunningham	
(203) George Price Adkison Nelda	Viola Catherine Adkison David Adkison Janet Adkison
(204) Paul Overholt Fenny Golden	Mary Frances Overholt Cochran Joan Overholt Hall
(205) Gertrude Overholt Tom Trent	Torrence Watson Trent Pamela Lucille Trent Keyser Meredith Overholt Trent
(206) William Overholt Lorna Smith	Robert Overholt
(207) Helen Overholt Ken Isaacs	No Children
(208) Earl Overholt Hannah Mary Coghill	Judith Lynn Overholt John Overholt Deborah Overholt
(209) Ward McNeill Laura Nelson	John Douglas McNeill
(211) Elizabeth McNeill C. P. Dorsey	No Children
(212) Louise McNeill Wilson	No Children

(212) Louise McNeill Roger Pease	Douglas Pease
(213) James McNeill Annabell Dunbrack	Michael Blix McNeill Cheryl Irene McNeill
(214) William R. McNeill Esther Henry	Scott McNeill
(215) Ray Tuckwiller	
(216) Eugene Tuckwiller	
(217) Donald Tuckwiller	
(219) Ralph Keightley	
(220) William Keightley	
(221) Fred M. Young Veda Moore	No Children
(222) Everette Paul Young	
(223) Helen Young Robert Jefferies	Robert Jefferies Barnette Jefferies Linda Jefferies
(224) Mary Thomas Waugh	
(225) Clarence Thomas	
(226) Irene Thomas Gillilan	
(227) Wanda Thomas	
(228) William Thomas	
(229) Dorothy Thomas Brewer	

(230) Dolly Thomas Rhodes	
(231) Glendolyn Thomas Fleshman	
(232) Margaret Thomas Crookshank	
(233) Frances Thomas Workman	
(234) James Thomas	
(235) Robert Thomas	
(236) Ruben Thomas	
(237) Harold Thomas	
(238) Jack Thomas	
(239) David Thomas	
(240) Fred Thomas	
(241) Gladys Thomas John Moore, Jr.	Vicki Lynn Moore
(242) James Harold Thomas Winona Eades	Lana Kay Thomas
(243) Harry Lee Thomas Louise Smith	Ellen Thomas
(244) Maxine Thomas Sam Harper	Beth Lorraine Harper
(245) Alfred Thomas Wanda Defibaugh	Timothy Thomas Kimberly Thomas William Guy Thomas

(246) Margaret Rose
Edward Lutz

(247) Mildred Rose
Maurice Lang

(247) Mildred Rose
Randolph Short

(248) Robert Rose
Nola Jones

(249) Shannon Rose

(250) Louise Rose
Robert McKage

(251) Mary Ruth Rose
Jack Moore

Steven McNeill
Agnes McLaughlin

Forrest Stanford Aumiller
Margaret Shucker

Glen Omega Aumiller
Wilma Hayes

William Buckley Aumiller
Ethel Klase

Betty Jane Aumiller
Wilbur Kenealy

Geraldine Buckley
Charles Kermit Dilley

Timothy Lang

Ann Short

Sally Rose
Robert Rose
Thomas Rose

Robert McKage
Edward McKage

Bettina McNeill Somerville
Jane McNeill

No Children

Aaron Aumiller
Dennis Aumiller
Daryl Aumiller
John (Jack) Aumiller
Melody Aumiller

William Aumiller
Walter Aumiller
Steven Aumiller
Gretchen Aumiller

Winifred Kenealy
Jane Kenealy

Charles Kermit Dilley
Martha Kay Dilley
Elizabeth Buckler

Helen Jean Buckley -10-
Phillip Roberts

Phillip Roberts Jr
John Buckley Roberts

Mary Elizabeth Graham
William Paul Weiford

Donna Jean Weiford Dunbrack
Walter William Weiford

Jay Buckley Graham
Helen Frances Cunningham

William Ervin Graham
Elizabeth Ann Graham
Jaynell Susan Graham

Stowe McNeill
Nancy Siple

Perry McNeill

Eleanor Dennison
Harper Lambert

Howard Dennison

Martha Dennison
James Shober

Albert Mark Dennison

Mary Frances Overholt
Howe Preston Cochran II

Howe Preston Cochran, III
Paul Rossie Cochran

Joan Overholt
Joseph E. Hall

Jeffrey Marshall Hall

John Douglas McNeill
Vivian

Laurch Ann McNeill
Rosemarie McNeill
Grace Allison McNeill

Cheryl Irene McNeill
Larry McCallister

Bettina McNeill
Kirk M. Somerville

Dennis Aumiller
Sally

Martha Kay Dilley
Jacob Mullet

Charles Jacob Mullet

Donna Jean Weiford
George Douglas Dunbrack

Addie Buckley Dunbrack

Torrence Watson Trent
Irma Anderson Trent

Todd Meredith Trent

Pamela Lucille Trent
Thomas Keyser

Sandra Dare Keyser
John Trent Keyser

Meredith Overholt Trent
Etheline Fink

Gale Elyse Trent
Bruce Cameron Trent
Meredith Lee Trent
Kevin Hunter Trent

THE BUCKLEY MEETING HOUSE

When John Buckley married Patsy Casebolt about 1800, he built a house on the west side of the Greenbrier River. It was located just north of the mouth of Swago Creek and about two hundred feet back from the river's edge. At that time a few people had settled in the community, and they were invited to come to this house for worship.

As the community grew the house became too small to accommodate the crowds, and it was decided to build a church.

This building was located just south of the present Lower Church (Bethel). It was a log building and was large enough to accommodate a small congregation. This probably was built about 1825. This church was located on land donated by the Buckley family. The lot was about one-half acre in size. The lot was used as a cemetery for a long time and is still used for that purpose.

The church was known as "The Buckley Meeting House". The congregation was a member of the Methodist conference, and some of the ministers came from Hillsboro to hold services.

Joshua Buckley II, son of John, became a Methodist minister and preached at this church. He did not like the government of the Methodist church and joined the separation movement, which was to become the Methodist Protestant Church.

About 1875 the congregation became aware that the log church was too small to accommodate the congregation and that extensive repairs would have to be made before long. They decided to build a new church on the grounds of the log church. Most of the work on this church was done by local men without wages. The McNeill and Buckley families contributed most of the materials and labor. Jefferson Killingsworth was the chief foreman.

William McNeill and his brothers were good ax men. They chopped the trees for the frame, and John Buckley, who was good with the broad ax, finished the smoothing of the frame timbers.

Some other frame materials were cut on the Buckley farm at the head of the Thomas Hollow. This was fine poplar timber. The logs were hauled by oxen to the church site. This was done in April, and at one time the snow was so deep it worked through the ox bows.

These timbers were long enough to extend from one side of the church to the other. This is about twenty-four feet. One of these timbers when it dried split at one end. It then was necessary to bore a hole through it and insert a wooden pin.

The boards were cut on a "up and down" mill. This saw was like a crosscut saw and was worked up and down by water power. The finishings inside were done by hand planes.

This church is now known as Bethel and is being used by the Presbyterian congregation with the permission of the Buckley family. The lot when not used as a church ground reverts to the Buckley estate.

John Buckley (4)
 John Buckley (7)
 William Buckley (10)

Andrew Buckley (8)
 Andrew (9)
 John (10)
 William (11)

Mary Ellen Buckley (12)
 Mary Ellen Buckley (13)
 Elizabeth Mary Frances Buckley
 William (14)
 Grace Jane Buckley (15)
 William Stanley Buckley
 William (16)
 Margaret Catherine Buckley
 William (17)
 Mary A. Anna Buckley
 William (18)
 John Stanley Buckley (19)
 William (20)
 William (21)
 William (22)